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ABSTRACT

A gel and a method for production thereof, for application to a wound, comprising a mixture of citrus complex carbohydrates, a cellulose derivative, a polyol component and water, wherein said citrus complex carbohydrates are cross-linked to said cellulose derivative by an ionic cross-linking agent.